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FOR: **PROMOTER AND REGULATOR SEQUENCES *Ha ds10 G1*: A GENE LEA OF SUNFLOWER EXPRESSED EXCLUSIVELY IN SEEDS FROM THE MATURATION PHASE**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of January 14, 2003, having a due date for response extended by one month so as to expire May 14, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks. A request for a one-month time extension is forwarded herewith.

In the Specification:

Please insert the following Abstract on a separate page after the claims:

ABSTRACT

The present invention refers to an isolated nucleic acid molecule for expression of a gene in seeds, having promoter activity, comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1, a first sequence at least 70% homologous to SEQ ID NO:1, with the functionality of SEQ ID NO:1, a second sequence at least 70% homologous to the sequence complementary to SEQ ID NO:1, with the functionality of SEQ ID NO:1, and fragments thereof,

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